

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 207 entitled “An act relating to approval of an amendment to the
4 charter of the City of Montpelier regarding non-citizen voting in City
5 elections” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
6 that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
7 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

9 The General Assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the City
10 of Montpelier as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposal of
11 amendment on November 6, 2018.

12 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 5 is amended to read:

13 CHAPTER 5. CITY OF MONTPELIER

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15 Subchapter 15. City Voter Checklist

16 § 1501. ELIGIBILITY OF NON-CITIZEN VOTERS

17 (a) Notwithstanding 17 V.S.A. § 2121(a)(1), any person may register to
18 vote in Montpelier City elections who on election day is a legal resident of the
19 United States, provided that person otherwise meets the qualifications of
20 17 V.S.A. chapter 43.

1 (b) A non-citizen voter shall not be eligible to vote on any State or federal
2 candidate or question by virtue of registration under this section.

3 § 1502. CITY VOTER CHECKLIST; CITY CLERK DUTIES TO
4 MAINTAIN

5 The City Clerk shall maintain a City voter checklist composed of voters
6 eligible to vote in City elections under 17 V.S.A. chapter 43 and this
7 subchapter and shall keep this City voter checklist separate from any other
8 voter checklist. The City Clerk shall develop all necessary forms and
9 procedures for implementation of this subchapter.

10 § 1503. CITY ELECTION BALLOT

11 In any election involving a federal, State, county, special district, or school
12 district office or question and a City question or City office, the City Clerk
13 shall prepare a ballot that contains only the City questions and candidates,
14 except for justices of the peace.

15 § 1504. DEFINITIONS

16 As used in this subchapter:

17 (1) “Legal resident of the United States” means any non-citizen who
18 resides in the United States on a permanent or indefinite basis in compliance
19 with federal immigration laws.

1 (2) “Non-citizen voter” means any voter who registers and qualifies to
2 vote in City elections under section 1501 of this charter but is not a citizen of
3 the United States.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE